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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending mostly higher. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, fully steady to firm elsewhere. Demand was mostly moderate to good, best for retail ads, catering and fast food channels; however, movement was being disrupted due to truck shortages, high freight costs, and limited product availability. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to short and frequently commanding premiums. In the parts structure, wings were at least adequate with minimal interest. Tenders were adequate, but all other breast items were close to short and moving at higher levels; dark meat was in good balance and clearing well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but usually desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/24/04-05/28/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	78.00-81.00	72.50-87.00	79.29	31
Los Angeles	82.00			
New York	81.00-84.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	76.50-78.00	76.00-82.00	77.66	87

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 77.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
960	74.00-79.25	76.90

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	255.50	1,229
BREASTS - B/S	246.00	5,383
BREASTS - WHOLE	131.50	1,808
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	996
LEG QUARTERS	37.00	7,392
WINGS	120.00	2,923

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area increased 1 cent from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Additional product offerings were very light as supplies remain tight to short of needs. Trucking and limited product availability, increased freight charges and delivery delays were disrupting movement. Retail movement was improving; mostly moderate to occasionally fairly good. Food service demand was mixed, mostly moderate and best into catering and some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to short, weights mostly desirable. Parts offerings were much the same as whole bird and wogs, with large wings and leg quarters available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on whole breast, drums and boneless/skinless breasts, steady to fully steady on leg quarters, mostly steady on thighs, regular wings and tenders and steady to weak on large wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best for retail ads and fast food promotions, with active trading. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared. Lack of trucks continued to be an issue and resulted in delivery difficulties and limited availability. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were in the longest position with slow movement, but the remaining items were well balanced to tight and frequently moving at premium levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Fridays' levels. Offerings were adequate with sized product in the closest position. Demand from local

buyers, along with export interest, assisted sellers in obtaining premium prices for available product. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover ad activities. Dealers anticipated satisfactory week-end clearances. **Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - whole body 69-149, whole cut-up 79, boneless breast 2.5# bagged IQF 699, boneless breast tenders 349, boneless breast fillets 349, boneless thigh meat 249, leg quarter 79-119, thigh 89-159, drumstick 89-159; **Northern California** - whole body 109, whole body 50 percent off, whole cut-up 159, roaster 159, cornish hen 149-219, boneless breast 399, split breast 199, wings 149, whole leg 99-129, drumstick 109-129, thigh 109-139; **Southern California** - whole body 89-119, whole cut-up 119-169, Roaster 159, cornish hen 159, cornish hen 22 ounce 250, cornish hen 12 count case 1898, boneless breast 299, boneless breast 4# bagged IQF 1199, boneless breasts tenders 3# bagged IQF 698-1199, boneless breast fillets 3# bagged IQF 698, boneless combo breast and thigh meat 299, boneless thigh meat 3# bagged IQF 498, boneless thigh meat 4# bagged IQF 499, boneless leg meat 97-158, boneless leg meat marinated 188, split breast 97-239, split breast 4# bagged IQF 498, whole leg 97, wing drumettes 3# bagged IQF 598, party wing 4# bagged IQF 698, thigh 77-129, thigh 4# bagged IQF 250, drumstick 49-129, drumstick 4# bagged IQF 250, drumstick 5# bag 295, **(deli food service)** - fried 8 piece mixed 499, drumettes or buffalo wings 348 per pound, whole rotisserie chicken 498-499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderately good. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were in good balance to short and clearing under normal premiums. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were adequate to occasionally available. Retail and distributive draw was at least moderate. The market tone was fully steady on the 3 pound and lighter birds, mostly steady on the balance. In the parts complex, breast items were tight. Dark meat items were clearing well under seasonal demand. Wings were generally sufficient.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to short and were in the closer balance on the 3.00 pound size. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 93 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, Wings and tenders were at least adequate. Other items were in good balance to well cleared.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE		72-94
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		84.88
NO. OF BOXES		7,043
CUMULATIVE	05/17/04-05/21/04	85.63
	05/19/03-05/23/03	58.77
NO. OF BOXES	05/17/04-05/21/04	34,936
	05/19/03-05/23/03	42,895

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

MAY 20

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 21

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	909	238.00-315.00	239-242	246.26		927	240.00-315.00	242-247	249.45		4,493	242.50
TENDERLOINS	168	220.00-278.00	225	232.74		233	220.00-280.00	220-225	228.93		935	231.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	125.00-133.00	125-128	127.73		93	128.00-135.00	129-132	131.35		451	128.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					290	122.19
LEGS	73	48.00-58.00	48-50	50.19		73	48.00-60.00	49-50	50.41		415	47.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	600	33.00-37.00	36	35.87		469	33.00-37.50	36-37.5	36.58		2,771	35.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	896	37.50-42.00	38-39	38.54		1,585	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.77		5,129	38.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	94.00-117.00	-	99.47		339	94.00-116.00	96-99	99.32		1,463	102.99
WINGS (CUT)	713	97.00-121.00	-	114.40		714	105.00-119.00	-	113.09		3,471	114.07
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					70	58.91
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					140	54.97
B/S THIGHS	125	115.00-131.00	-	120.92		160	105.00-131.00	-	116.88		685	118.77

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS												
TRADING FOR MAY 20, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.												

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

75.00 - 81.00

78.98

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

75.50 - 81.75

79.84

5-DAY AVERAGE

78.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was moderate to good for weekend business. Offerings of breast items were generally short and commanding premiums. Legs were clearing very well and leg quarters and drumsticks were balanced. Wings were usually fully sufficient but manageable. Retail and distributive draw was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on breast items, fully steady to occasionally firm on dark meat cuts and mostly steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB. MAY 21

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	245	237.68	538,990		245	241.12	742,190	237.46	3,026,402
TENDERLOINS	225	223.38	57,640		225	223.41	125,160	224.60	480,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	129-130	133.58	128,320		130-131	134.56	153,360	133.27	675,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	132.67	85,880		130	130.60	151,400	130.55	625,160
LEGS	52-53	48.68	304,080		52-53	48.76	303,840	48.65	1,390,121
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39-40	39.27	376,194		39-40	40.13	194,916	38.83	1,526,871
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	49.27	132,130		41-42	46.18	159,524	46.59	743,162
THIGHS	45-46	51.12	121,182		45-46	50.98	91,901	49.98	541,995
B/S THIGHS	116-117	117.28	60,600		116-117	116.68	97,920	116.66	389,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	107.31	119,520		100-101	108.21	157,320	108.02	784,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	32,920		10-12	12.02	25,120	12.02	135,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.10	11,360		35-40	28.01	13,800	29.89	64,890
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.59	16,280		55-60	59.12	25,240	59.16	117,260

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	05/20	(1,000)	05/18	05/19	05/18	(1,000)	05/14	05/12	
ALA	4,291	3,861	3,724	3,738	5.16	5.34	4,253	5.21		
ARK	5,925	5,473	5,378	5,366	5.00	5.12	4,897	5.02		
DELMARVA	2,590	2,244	2,230	2,223	5.56	5.56	2,098	5.52		
KY-LA-TN	1,888	2,062	2,098	2,015	4.79	4.97	2,203	5.05		
MISS	3,160	3,014	3,023	2,731	5.43	5.45	3,668	5.60		
NC	2,865	2,482	2,407	2,432	6.38	6.34	2,853	6.45		
TEXAS	2,422	2,451	2,495	2,506	5.22	5.22	2,507	5.23		
TOTAL	23,141	21,587	21,355	21,011	5.31	5.39	22,479	5.38		
MON-FRI	108,966(A)						107,000 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-May-04 and 22-May-04 is estimated to be 34,622,000 head up 2.64 percent from a week ago and up 4.35 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,732,000, last year 33,179,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 22-May-04 is estimated to be 158,023,000 head down 0.28 percent from a week ago, and down 0.65 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 158,470,000, last year 159,049,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	107-115
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107-109
DRY PACK	
ICE PACK	107
HENS OVER 5#	93
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	93-95

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 08-May-04 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	28,848	22,792	53,122
Avg Weight	3.72	4.73	6.38
% of total /1	28%	22%	51%

COMPARISONS

Last week	24,546	22,584	48,500
Avg Weight	3.72	4.76	6.35
% of total /1	26%	24%	51%

Same week, yr ago /2	25,759	32,656	48,513
Avg Weight	3.79	4.82	6.09
% of total /1	24%	31%	45%

To date/2004	472,888	395,706	807,332
To date/2003	442,216	421,966	786,784

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 15-May-04
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624	408
AVG WT	5.24	3.31	8.05	5.50	6.31
LAST WEEK	157,101	1,328	1,354	2,682	467
SAME WK YR AGO	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806	418
AVG WT	5.25	3.42	7.93	5.53	7.01
TO-DATE/2004	2,926,562	24,795	24,173	48,968	8,694
TO-DATE/2003	2,882,015	32,516	25,246	57,762	8,034

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.4 million head or 2.2 which was 99% of estimated fryers available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - MAY 18, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.10 - 1.15	Geese
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.15	9-14 LBS
Pekin Ducks	3.75 - 4.25ea.	Pigeons
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.30 - .40	White Pigeons
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .80	Rabbits
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .80	4-6 LBS
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits
4-6 LBS	.60 - .80	6-9 LBS
Guinea Fowl	1.90 - 2.10ea.	Bunnies
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50ea.	Guinea Pigs
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.25ea.	Goats
Silkie	1.00 - 1.75ea.	Kid Goats
Total Coops Sold 449		Pullets 4-6 LBS

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17-MAY-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137-140	144-146
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	124-128	125-130
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	84.00-89.50	86.00-88.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	67.00-86.50	68.00-76.50

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were sharply higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-MAY-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-136
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 10	152.3	157.6	97%	5.22
17	154.0	158.8	97%	5.26
24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY 1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
15	160.4	162.6	99%	5.24
YEAR TO DATE	2962.2	3003.9	99%	
MAY 22		162.3		
29		162.3		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	Under Federal Inspection				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/22/04	05/15/04	% CHG	05/24/03	% CHG
Broilers	158,023	158,470*	-.28	159,049*	-.65
Cattle	693	695	0	767	-10
Hogs	1,895	1,826	+04	1,808	+05

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report on heavy cannery. Light cannery were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with available supplies very limited. Offerings of light cannery were in close balance; very light for heavies. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-32 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

27-33 MAJORITY 29-29.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Offerings of spent hens were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-12 8.5-10.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values required for disposal were too few to report. Interest for spent light hens was only fair. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Costs of disposal were expected to increase.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as mostly unchanged from the previous week and were adequate to usually fully adequate. Demand was good with offerings of spent fowl still outweighing processing schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-10.5 5-6

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for generally adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate raw materials. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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